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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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In re application of:

Andre A. BOUKHAROV *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/620,392

Filed: July 19, 2000

Title: **Plant Genome Sequences and
Uses Thereof**

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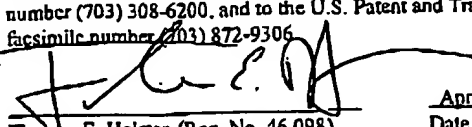
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Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences**

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Sir:

To assist the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in efficiently resolving the Appeal in the above referenced case (currently scheduled for June 8, 2004, 9:00 AM), Appellants propose that the Board hear this Appeal in combination with Appeal No. 2003-1744 (Application Ser. No. 09/654,617), currently scheduled for June 8, 2004 at 9:00 AM.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Request for Combined Oral Hearings Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences is being facsimile transmitted to the attention of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, via facsimile number (703) 308-6200, and to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office central facsimile number (703) 872-9306.

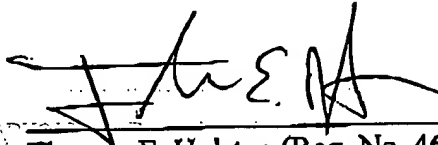

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Appellant believes that such a combination should allow for the hearing of the combined Appeals in a single hearing.

Respectfully submitted,



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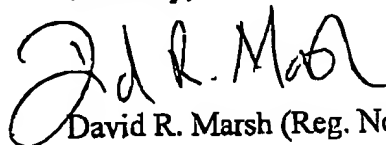
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, is a Request for Combined Oral Hearings Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. A courtesy copy of this request is being sent via facsimile to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Appellants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.112.

Sincerely,



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